

running through the casing body [(5, 6)] by way of a stop part [(20)] created on the support member [(2,3)] with the area of the second end [(13)] of the casing body [(5, 6)].

2. (amended) The connecting [Connecting] element according to claim 1, wherein [characterized in that] the stop part [(20)] is an upset part produced on the support member [(2, 3)] and having a diameter larger than a [the] diameter of the support member [(2, 3)].

3. (amended) The connecting [Connecting] element of claim 2, wherein [according to claim 1 or 2, characterized in that] the through-hole [(7)] is of stepped design with a first shoulder [(26)], against which the stop part [(20)] rests.

4. (amended) The connecting [Connecting] element according to claim 3, wherein [characterized in that] the first shoulder [(26)] has a bevel [(25)] against which the stop part [(20)] rests.

5. (amended) The connecting [Connecting] element of claim 2, wherein [according to claim 1 or 2, characterized in that] the locking member [(15, 16)] comprises at least [last] two casing parts [(17, 18)] which in the working position form a stop casing [(22)], which forms a second shoulder [(26')], against which the stop part [(20)] rests.

6. (amended) The connecting [Connecting] element according to claim 5, wherein [characterized in that] the second shoulder [(26')] is formed inside the stop casing [(22)].

7. (amended) The connecting [Connecting] element of claim 4, wherein [according to any of the preceding claims, characterized in that] the [first] joining section [(9)] of the casing body [(5, 6)] comprises means [(25)] for joining the casing body [(5, 6)] to an intermediate part [(27)].

8. (amended) The connecting [Connecting] element of claim 7, wherein [according to any of the preceding claims, characterized in that] in a working position a recess [(29)] in the casing [(5, 6)] viewed in the longitudinal direction of the casing body [(5, 6)] and the intermediate part [(27)], aligns with a fixing unit [(31)] and encloses the casing body [(5, 6)], the fixing unit [(31)] being arranged so that it can be fixed to the intermediate part [(27)], and a projecting member [(33)] of the fixing unit [(31)] being accommodated by the [said] recess

[(29)], so that the casing body [(5, 6)] can be torsionally locked to the intermediate part [(27)].

9. (amended) The connecting [Connecting] element according to claim 8, wherein [characterized in that] the projecting member [(33)] of the fixing unit [(31)] can be released so that it is not accommodated by the said recess [(29)], thereby allowing the casing body [(5, 6)] to be released from the intermediate part [(27)].

10. (amended) The connecting [Connecting] element of claim 9, wherein [according to any of the preceding claims, characterized in that] the joining section [(10)] of at least one casing body [(5, 6)] is torsionally locked by means of a locking pin [(35)], which can be inserted through a hole [(36)] through the casing body [(5, 6)] and the intermediate part [(27)].

11. (amended) A method [Method] for fitting a support member [(2, 3)] to a building construction by means of a connecting element, said method comprising the following steps [(1) according to any of the preceding claims, characterized by the following stages]:

passing [of] a draw wire [(2)] through a cable duct [(56)] together with the connecting element [(1)] so that the connecting element [(1)] finishes up in an area of a first foundation [(54)];

connecting [connection of] a bracing wire [(3)] to the connecting element [(1)] coupled to the draw wire [(2)];

passing [of] the bracing wire [(3)] through the cable duct [(56)] in the opposite direction by means of the draw wire [(2)] and the coupled connecting element [(1)], so that the connecting element [(1)] finishes up in an area of a second foundation [(52)]; fastening [of a] the bracing wire [(3)] to the first or second foundation [(54, 52)]; and

detaching [detachment of] the connecting element [(1)] from the bracing wire [(3)].

12. (amended) The method of claim 11, further comprising the steps of [Method according to claim 11, characterized by the following stages]:

applying [application of] at least one casing body [(5, 6)] over a stop part [(20)] produced on each support member [(2, 3)];

fitting [of] at least two casing parts [(17, 18)] around each support member [(2, 3)];

drawing [of] each support member [(2, 3)] so that the stop part [(20, 21)] bears against the casing parts [(17, 18)], which casing parts [(17, 18)] in a [the] working position rest against an internal shoulder [(26)] in a [the] through-hole [(7)] whilst the stop part [(20, 21)] rests against the casing parts [(17, 18)] in order to produce an axial locking of the wire ends [(2, 3)]; and

joining [of] at least one casing body [(5, 6)] to an intermediate part [(30)].

13. (amended) The method of claim 12, further comprising the step of [Method according to claim 12, characterized by the further stages]:

[torsional] locking torsionally [of] at least one casing body [(6)] to the intermediate part [(27)] by means of a fixing unit arranged on the intermediate part, which fixing unit [(31)] has a projecting member [(33)], which during coupling together is released until a recess [(29)] in the casing body [(6)], viewed in longitudinal direction of the casing body [(6)] and the intermediate part [(30)], aligns with the fixing unit [(31)] and encloses the latter, at which time the fixing unit [(31)] with its projecting member [(33)] is brought into engagement with the [said] recess [(29)].

14. (amended) The method of claim 13, further comprising the step of [Method according to claim 13, characterized by the further stages]:

[torsional] locking torsionally [of] at least one casing body [(5, 6)] to the intermediate part [(27)] by means of a locking pin [(35)].

Please add the following new claims:

15. (new) The connecting element of claim 1, wherein the through-hole is of stepped design with a first shoulder, against which the stop part rests.

16. (new) The connecting element according to claim 15, wherein the first shoulder has a bevel against which the stop part rests.

17. (new) The connecting element of claim 1, wherein the locking member comprises at least two casing parts which in the working position form a stop casing, which forms a second shoulder, against which the stop part rests.

18. (new) The connecting element according to claim 17, wherein the second shoulder is formed inside the stop casing.
19. (new) The connecting element of claim 6, wherein the joining section of the casing body comprises means for joining the casing body to an intermediate part.
20. (new) The connecting element of claim 16, wherein the joining section of the casing body comprises means for joining the casing body to an intermediate part.
21. (new) The connecting element of claim 18, wherein the joining section of the casing body comprises means for joining the casing body to an intermediate part.
22. (new) The connecting element of claim 1, wherein the joining section of the casing body comprises means for joining the casing body to an intermediate part.
23. (amended) The connecting element of claim 2, wherein the joining section of the casing body comprises means for joining the casing body to an intermediate part.
24. (new) The connecting element of claim 19, wherein in a working position a recess in the casing viewed in the longitudinal direction of the casing body and the intermediate part, aligns with a fixing unit and encloses the casing body, the fixing unit being arranged so that it can be fixed to the intermediate part, and a projecting member of the fixing unit being accommodated by the recess, so that the casing body can be torsionally locked to the intermediate part.
25. (new) The connecting element of claim 20, wherein in a working position a recess in the casing viewed in the longitudinal direction of the casing body and the intermediate part, aligns with a fixing unit and encloses the casing body, the fixing unit being arranged so that it can be fixed to the intermediate part, and a projecting member of the fixing unit being accommodated by the recess, so that the casing body can be torsionally locked to the intermediate part.
26. (new) The connecting element of claim 21, wherein in a working position a recess in the casing viewed in the longitudinal direction of the casing body and the intermediate part,

aligns with a fixing unit and encloses the casing body, the fixing unit being arranged so that it can be fixed to the intermediate part, and a projecting member of the fixing unit being accommodated by the recess, so that the casing body can be torsionally locked to the intermediate part.

27. (new) The connecting element of claim 22, wherein in a working position a recess in the casing viewed in the longitudinal direction of the casing body and the intermediate part, aligns with a fixing unit and encloses the casing body, the fixing unit being arranged so that it can be fixed to the intermediate part, and a projecting member of the fixing unit being accommodated by the recess, so that the casing body can be torsionally locked to the intermediate part.

28. (new) The connecting element of claim 23, wherein in a working position a recess in the casing viewed in the longitudinal direction of the casing body and the intermediate part, aligns with a fixing unit and encloses the casing body, the fixing unit being arranged so that it can be fixed to the intermediate part, and a projecting member of the fixing unit being accommodated by the recess, so that the casing body can be torsionally locked to the intermediate part.

29. (new) The connecting element according to claim 24, wherein the projecting member of the fixing unit can be released so that it is not accommodated by the said recess, thereby allowing the casing body to be released from the intermediate part.

30. (new) The connecting element according to claim 25, wherein the projecting member of the fixing unit can be released so that it is not accommodated by the said recess, thereby allowing the casing body to be released from the intermediate part.

31. (new) The connecting element according to claim 26, wherein the projecting member of the fixing unit can be released so that it is not accommodated by the said recess, thereby allowing the casing body to be released from the intermediate part.

32. (new) The connecting element according to claim 27, wherein the projecting member of the fixing unit can be released so that it is not accommodated by the said recess, thereby allowing the casing body to be released from the intermediate part.

33. (new) The connecting element according to claim 28, wherein the projecting member of the fixing unit can be released so that it is not accommodated by the said recess, thereby allowing the casing body to be released from the intermediate part.

34. (new) The connecting element of claim 1, wherein the joining section of at least one casing body is torsionally locked by means of a locking pin, which can be inserted through a hole through the casing body and the intermediate part.

35. (new) The connecting element of claim 29, wherein the joining section of at least one casing body is torsionally locked by means of a locking pin, which can be inserted through a hole through the casing body and the intermediate part.

36. (new) The connecting element of claim 30, wherein the joining section of at least one casing body is torsionally locked by means of a locking pin, which can be inserted through a hole through the casing body and the intermediate part.

37. (new) The connecting element of claim 31, wherein the joining section of at least one casing body is torsionally locked by means of a locking pin, which can be inserted through a hole through the casing body and the intermediate part.

38. (new) The connecting element of claim 32, wherein the joining section of at least one casing body is torsionally locked by means of a locking pin, which can be inserted through a hole through the casing body and the intermediate part.

39. (new) The connecting element of claim 33, wherein the joining section of at least one casing body is torsionally locked by means of a locking pin, which can be inserted through a hole through the casing body and the intermediate part.